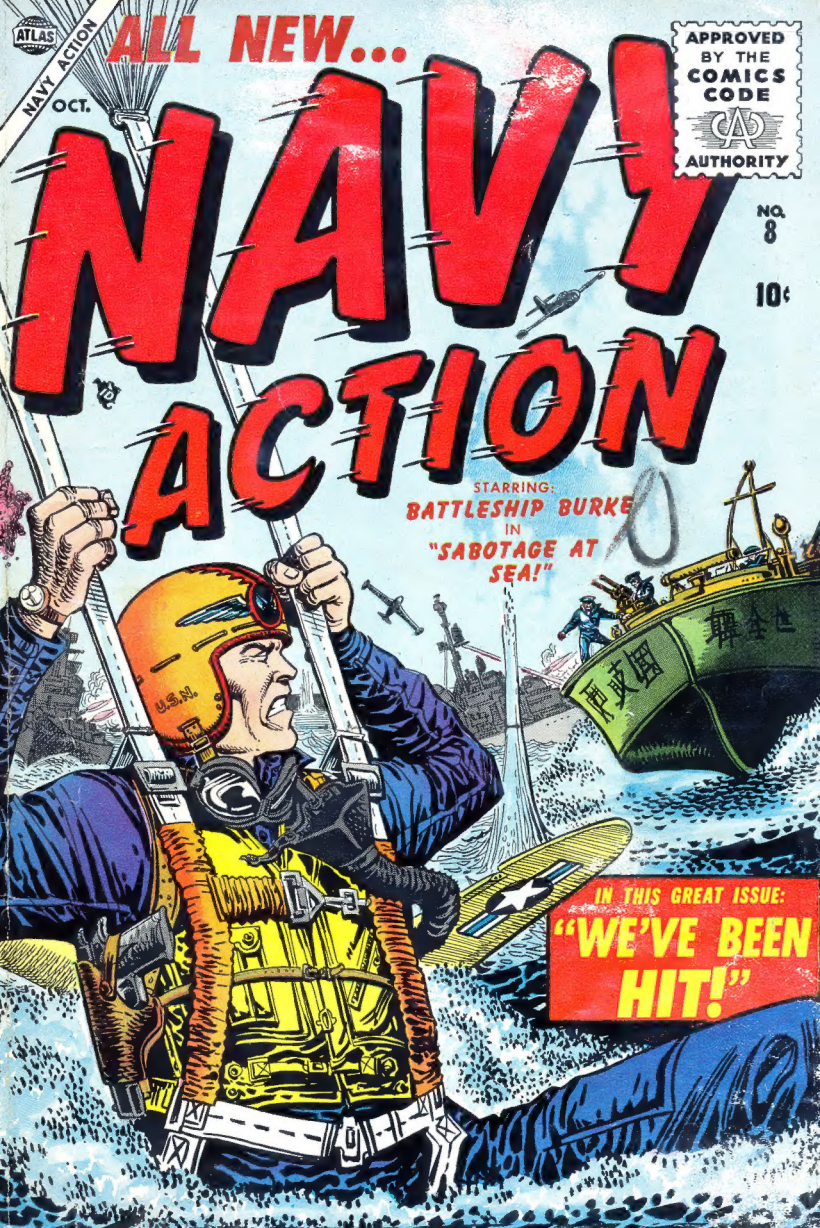
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TONY PASCARELLA

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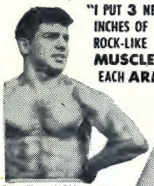

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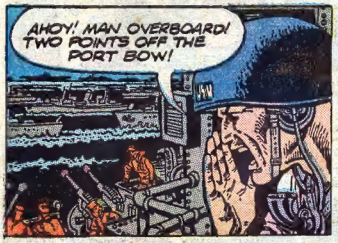
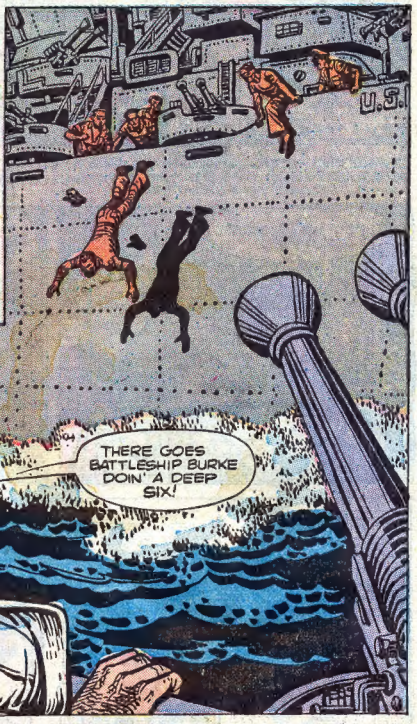
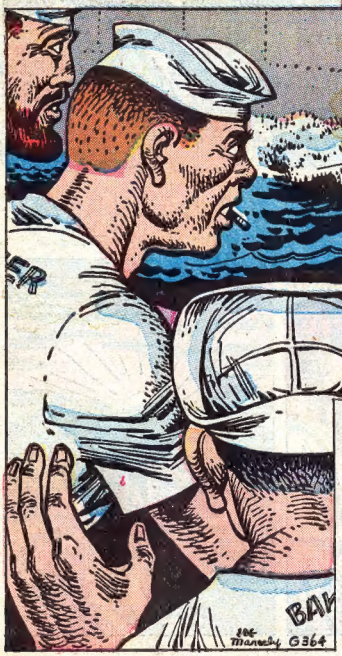
"BATTLESHIP" BURKE

THE NIGHT WATCH ABOARD THE DESTROYER OF A UNITED STATES NAVY TASK FORCE ANCHORED OFF INCHON IN KOREA IN JUNE 1953 SAW SOMETHING IN THE WATER THAT MADE HIM SOUND OFF!







A SPLASH LATER, CHIEF PETTY OFFICER BATTLESHIP BURKE WAS IN THE DRINK AND UP TO THE SPLASHING FIGURE IN THE SEA...

BUT I DO NOT NEED TO BE SAVED, SAILOR! I SWAM OUT HERE TO GET ABOARD YOUR SHIP!
BUT YOU CAN'T COME ABOARD A UNITED STATES NAVY WARSHIP LADY!
I MUST...TO TELL YOU ABOUT TWO OF YOUR SAILORS I SAW IN SERIOUS TROUBLE IN INCHON!
WELL, COME ON, LADY! BUT THIS AIN'T REGULATION!
A LADDER WAS LOWERED AWAY AND THE KOREAN GIRL AND "BATTLESHIP" BURKE CAME ABOARD..
THIS IS LIEUTENANT COMMANDER BAILEY, MISS! TELL HIM YOUR STORY!
MY NAME IS CHU CHO CHA, LIEUTENANT! AN HOUR AGO, AS I WALK THROUGH DARK STREET IN INCHON, I SEE VERY AWFUL THING!
"I SEE TWO AMERICAN SAILORS WALKING! THEN WITH SUDDENNESS, MANY COMMUNIST GUERRILLA FELLAS LEAP UPON THEM..."
" BIG FIGHT FOLLOWS! SAILORS VERY BRAVE AND FIGHT NUMBER ONE! BUT TOO MANY COMMUNIST FELLAS FOR SO FEW SAILORS..."
HEY! WE'RE BEIN' SCUTTLED!
THEY FIGHT LIKE LIONS...BUT NOW THEY LIKE LAMBS!
QUICKLY! TAKE THEM IN HERE BEFORE SOMEBODY OBSERVE US!
I COULD NOT FIND OTHER SAILORS TO TELL THEM, SO I SWIM WHERE MANY SAILORS ARE!
THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION, MISS CHU! CHIEF BURKE AND ANOTHER SAILOR WILL TAKE YOU BACK TO INCHON, AND THEY WILL INVESTIGATE WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US!
AYE, AYE, SIR!
FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER "BATTLESHIP" BURKE AND HIS MATE SEAMAN FIRST CLASS "SALTY" SMITH WERE HEADING FOR SHORE... AND TROUBLE!
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OKAY, WE'RE ASHORE, MISS CHU! NOW LEAD US TO THE PLACE!
PLEASE TO FOLLOW ME!
S.P.
THE TWO GOBS TRAILED THE GIRL DOWN THE NARROW, DARK STREETS AND ALLEYS OF INCHON FOR OVER HALF AN HOUR...
HEY, MISS CHU! IF WE WALK ANY FARTHER, WE'LL END UP IN PUSAN!
AYE! WHERE IS THIS SPOT WHERE YOU SAW THOSE TWO BLUE-JACKETS IN TROUBLE?
RIGHT HERE, AMERICANS!
AND YOU ARE THE TWO SAILORS IN TROUBLE, FOOLISH FELLAS!
WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES IN TROUBLE, COMMIE! HERE'S A FISTFUL OF IT FOR YOU!
AN' A LICK OF THE GOOD NIGHTSTICK FOR YOU, COMMIES!
GREAT GOBBIES! IT'S A FRAME-UP! WE'VE BEEN STEERED INTO A COMMIE AMBUSH!
IT WILL BE GOOD-BYE FOR YOU IF YOU DO NOT TELL YOUR COMRADE TO CEASE FIGHTING!
STRAIGHTEN OUT YOUR TRIGGER-FINGER, COMMIE... I'LL STOP!
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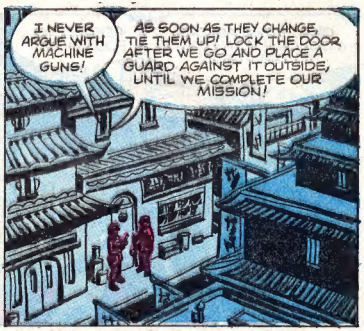
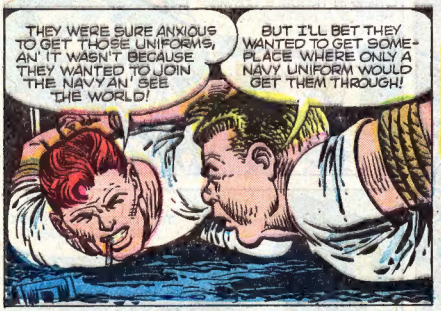
THE TWO BLUE-JACKETS WERE FORCED INSIDE OF THE HUTS BY THE COMMIE GUERRILLAS AND ORDERED TO GIVE UP THEIR MOST PRIZED POSSESSIONS...


I NEVER ARGUE WITH MACHINE GUNS!
AS SOON AS THEY CHANGE, TIE THEM UP! LOCK THE DOOR AFTER WE GO AND PLACE A GUARD AGAINST IT OUTSIDE, UNTIL WE COMPLETE OUR MISSION!

BATTLESHIP AND SALTY WERE LEFT IN DARKNESS BY THE COMMIES, AND TIED UP LIKE A COUPLE OF SEA BAGS..


THEY WERE SURE ANXIOUS TO GET THOSE UNIFORMS, AN' IT WASN'T BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO JOIN THE NAVY AN' SEE THE WORLD!
BUT I'LL BET THEY WANTED TO GET SOME-PLACE WHERE ONLY A NAVY UNIFORM WOULD GET THEM THROUGH!

DA-DA!
GREAT GOBBIES! IT'S A BABY!
AN' THE KID'S GOT A PAIR OF SCISSORS!
GRAB 'EM, SALTY! YOU CAN WORK 'EM BEHIND YOU ON MY ROPES!
RIGHT ON TARGET, MATE! I'M FREE!
HEY, BATTLESHIP LOOK WHAT THAT KID HAS TIED AROUND ITS NECK!
A KEY!
AYE! IT MUST BE TO THAT DOOR! BUT WHO SENT THE KID IN HERE THROUGH THAT SMALL HOLE WITH THEM CLIPPERS AN' KEY?
WHOEVER IT WAS, DID IT SO WE COULD GET OUT OF HERE! SO LET'S OBLIGE 'EM!
AYE! I'LL UNLOCK THE DOOR AND SWING IT OPEN, WHILE YOU TACKLE THAT GUARD OUTSIDE!
NOW, BATTLESHIP!
SEEKING ME, 'MELICAN?
I SUSPECTED YOU WOULD TRY SOME KIND OF TRICK, AND LIKE SMART FELLA, I... OWW!
BUT THIS IS ONE TRICK YOU DID NOT SUSPECT, FOOL OF A COMMUNIST!
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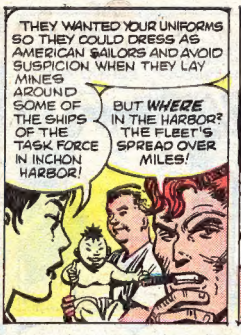
MISS CHU! YOU? FIRST YOU DOUBLE-CROSS US...THEN YOU HELP US!
I WAS FORCED TO LIE! THEY HAD MY BABY, BUT RETURNED IT AFTER THEY GOT WHAT THEY WANTED... AND I SENT THE BABY THROUGH THE HOLE OF MY HOUSE WITH THEY KEY AND SCISSORS!

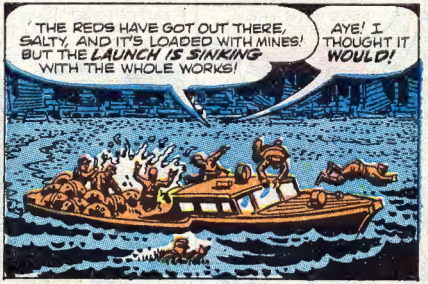
CHU TRANSLATED THE COMMIE MAP FOR THE TWO SAILORS, AS SHE HELD A MIRROR TO THE DIAPER...


THEY WANTED YOUR UNIFORMS SO THEY COULD DRESS AS AMERICAN SAILORS AND AVOID SUSPICION WHEN THEY LAY MINES AROUND SOME OF THE SHIPS OF THE TASK FORCE IN INCHON HARBOR!
BUT WHERE IN THE HARBOR? THE FLEET'S SPREAD OVER MILES!

THERE IS THE SPOT..ON THE BABY'S DIAPERS! IT'S A PRINT OF THEIR PLANS! THE BABY MUST HAVE SAT ON THE WET PLANS WHEN THEY HELD THE BABY A PRISONER!

"BATTLESHIP" AND "SALTY" TOOK OFF LIKE A COUPLE OF TORPEDOES, AND WHEN THEY GOT THERE, THEIR LAUNCH WAS GONE...

GREAT GOBS! THAT'S RIGHT IN THE AREA OF OUR DESTROYER, SALTY! AND THE REDS ARE PROBABLY USING OUR LAUNCH TO LAY THE MINES!
LET'S SHOVE OFF, MATE!


THE REDS HAVE GOT OUT THERE, SALTY, AND IT'S LOADED WITH MINES! BUT THE LAUNCH IS SINKING WITH THE WHOLE WORKS!
AYE! I THOUGHT IT WOULD!

HUH?
I TOOK THE BAILING PLUG OUT OF THE BOTTOM WHEN WE LEFT THE LAUNCH HERE, SO NO ONE WOULD STEAL IT! I STUCK IT IN THE TOP OF MY SOCK FOR SAFEKEEPIN'!

SALTY, YOU OL' SEA DOG! YOU'VE SAVED THE ENTIRE FLEET!
AYE! BUT TWO SAILORS ARE STILL IN TROUBLE! HOW ARE WE GOIN' TO GET BACK TO THE SHIP?

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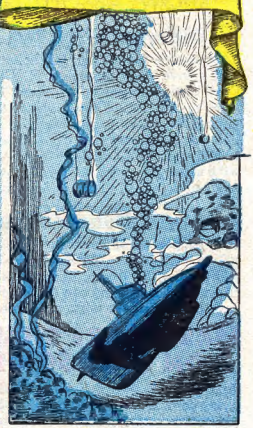
WE'VE BEEN HIT!

THE U.S. SUBMARINE "HAMMER" SHUDDERED THROUGHOUT HER LENGTH, AS THE NAZI MINE HIT! HER CREW KNEW SHE WAS BADLY DAMAGED...THEY KNEW THEY WERE IN A TOUGH SPOT! ON THE SURFACE, GERMAN DESTROYERS DROPPED ANTI-SUB MINES... AND THE "HAMMER'S" SKIPPER WAS A YOUNG COMMANDER ON HIS FIRST BATTLE CRUISE!

THE "HAMMER" HIT BOTTOM HARD! THE WATER WAS FAIRLY SHALLOW...



INSIDE THE "HAMMER," THE CREW HUNG ON TENSELY, HOPING THEIR SHIP WOULDN'T SUSTAIN ANOTHER DIRECT HIT!

THE SECOND IN COMMAND, LIEUTENANT ROY ANDREWS CHECKED THE DAMAGE...
SEVERAL OF THE PLATES ARE SPRUNG, SIR! WE'RE SHIPPING WATER BADLY!
TOO MUCH DAMAGE TO REPAIR OUT HERE!
IF WE CAN GET OUT OF THIS JAM, WE'LL HAVE TO LIMP BACK TO BASE FOR REPAIRS. I'LL REPORT TO THE SKIPPER.
THIS WOULD'VE NEVER HAPPENED, IF OLD SKIPPER BREWER WAS ABOARD!
MAYBE WE CAN MAKE IT TO THE BASE... I DON'T KNOW! THE ATTITUDE OF THE CREW ISN'T GOOD, EITHER! THEY FEEL THAT SKIPPER BREWER WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN US IN THIS FIX...
AS HE STAGGERED THROUGH THE LURCHING SHIP, HIS THOUGHTS WENT BACK TO THREE WEEKS AGO! THE "HAMMER" HAD BEEN AT HER DOCK WITH HER VETERAN CREW AND SKIPPER, COMMANDER MARK BREWER, ABOUT TO LEAVE ON A BATTLE CRUISE...
THE SKIPPER HAD COME ABOARD TO CAST OFF AND HAD BECOME SUDDENLY ILL! THE CREW MILLED ABOUT THE DECK, WAITING FOR THE DOCTOR TO COME UP FROM BELOW...
ANY NEWS, LIEUTENANT?
APPENDICITIS! THEY'RE BRINGING THE SKIPPER UP NOW! HAVE TO OPERATE IMMEDIATELY!
WHAT ABOUT THE CRUISE, LIEUTENANT?
WE'LL GET A NEW SKIPPER, I SUPPOSE, AND LEAVE ON SCHEDULE!
SO LONG, MEN! TAKE CARE OF THE OLD "HAMMER" UNTIL I GET BACK, ADD ONTO OUR SCORE ON THIS CRUISE!
HURRY BACK, SKIPPER! THE OLD "HAMMER" ISN'T COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!

A VETERAN CREW AND A VETERAN COMMANDER IN A SHIP THEY KNEW AND LOVED! TOGETHER THEY HAD COMPILED AN ENVIOUS RECORD! NOW THEIR SKIPPER WAS GONE AND THEY WERE GOING OUT UNDER ANOTHER SKIPPER! THE CREW DIDN'T LIKE IT!

NO MATTER WHOM THEY SEND TO TAKE OVER, HE WON'T FILL SKIPPER BREWER'S SHOES! HE KNOWS US AND HE KNOWS THE SHIP! WE WORKED AS A TEAM, SMOOTHLY!

MAYBE WE'LL DRAW SOMEONE LIKE COMMANDER HARDY! HE KNOWS HIS STUFF.. AND HE KNOWS THESE WATERS! HE'S SUNK PLENTY OF ENEMY SHIPS!

ALL HANDS ON DECK! LOOK SHARP MEN! THE NEW SKIPPER IS COMING ABOARD!

THE MEN'S EYES SHIFTED TO ONE SIDE, SEEKING CONFIRMATION FROM THEIR FELLOW CREWMEN AS THE NEW SKIPPER STEPPED ABOARD! HE WAS FRANK SHIELDS, ...AND THEY KNEW THIS WAS HIS FIRST BATTLE CRUISE!

WE CAST OFF IMMEDIATELY, MISTER EDWARDS!

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THE SHIP SLID OUT TO SEA! BELOW, THE CREW WERE TENSE! AN INEXPERIENCED MAN HELD THE LIFE OF THE SHIP THEY LOVED IN HIS INEXPERIENCED HANDS!

WHY DID THEY ASSIGN HIM TO THE OLD "HAMMER" TO PRACTICE WITH?

YEAH! HOW DO WE KNOW HOW HE'LL REACT IN A CRISIS? AND ***EVERY*** ACTION WE GET INTO IS A CRISIS IN A SUB! I DON'T LIKE IT!

THE NEW SKIPPER SENSED THE FEELING OF THE CREW, KNOWING HE HAD TO PROVE HIMSELF BEFORE HE'D BE ACCEPTED!

HE KNOWS AND HE'S BECOMING INCREASINGLY NERVOUS IN HIS INTENSITY TO SUCCEED BEFORE THE MEN! FINE WAY TO BEGIN A BATTLE CRUISE IN DANGEROUS WATERS!

THREE WEEKS OUT AND THEY HAD SIGHTED THE NAZI SHIPS! THE SKIPPER HAD BROUGHT THEM IN CLOSE FOR ACTION...

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THREE TWO ZERO! THREE TWO FIVE...

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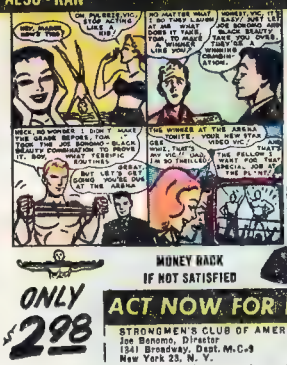
OH, PLEASE! STOP ACTING LIKE A KID!
NO MATTER WHAT I DO THEY LAUGH AT ME. WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE PEOPLE LIKE YOU?
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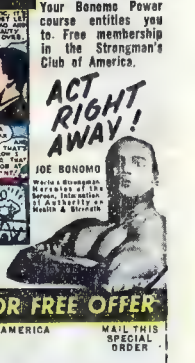

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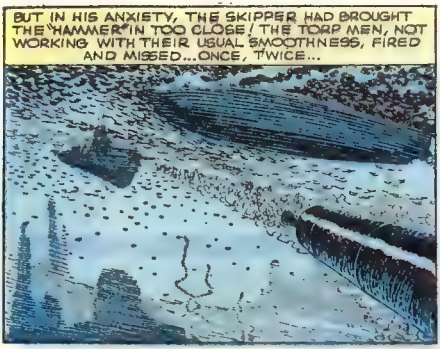
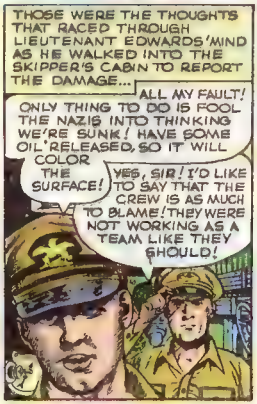
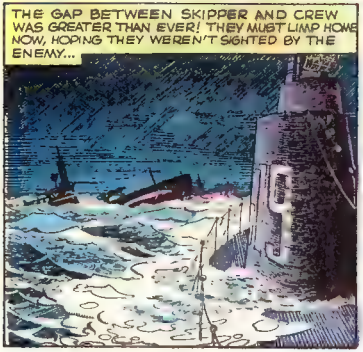

BUT IN HIS ANXIETY, THE SKIPPER HAD BROUGHT THE "HAMMER" IN TOO CLOSE! THE TORP MEN, NOT WORKING WITH THEIR USUAL SMOOTHNESS, FIRED AND MISSED...ONCE, TWICE...

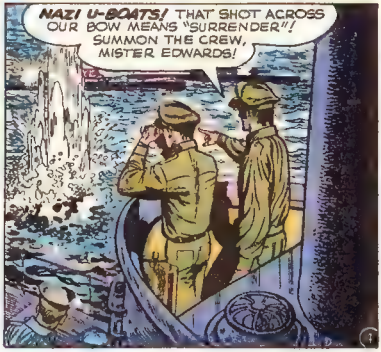
THERE WAS NO TIME FOR MORE! THEY WERE IN THE MIDST OF THE NAZI SHIPS AND ANTI-SUB MINES WERE BLASTING DOWN ON THEM...
TAKE HER DOWN!

THE CREW, DISORGANIZED, HAD NOT REACTED QUICKLY ENOUGH! THAT'S WHEN THE "HAMMER" HAD BEEN HIT!


THOSE WERE THE THOUGHTS THAT RACED THROUGH LIEUTENANT EDWARDS' MIND AS HE WALKED INTO THE SKIPPER'S CABIN TO REPORT THE DAMAGE...
ALL MY FAULT! ONLY THING TO DO IS FOOL THE NAZIS INTO THINKING WE'RE SUNK! HAVE SOME OIL RELEASED, SO IT WILL COLOR THE SURFACE!
YES, SIR! I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THE CREW IS AS MUCH TO BLAME! THEY WERE NOT WORKING AS A TEAM LIKE THEY SHOULD!

THE OIL SLICK COVERED THE SURFACE AND THE SHIPS ABOVE MOVED AWAY, THINKING THEY HAD SUNK THE "HAMMER"...
ALL CLEAR
ABOVE, SIR! WE CAN'T STAY DOWN ANY LONGER ...SHIPPING TOO MUCH WATER!
ALL RIGHT, MISTER... TAKE HER UP!


THE GAP BETWEEN SKIPPER AND CREW WAS GREATER THAN EVER! THEY MUST LIMP HOME NOW, HOPING THEY WEREN'T SIGHTED BY THE ENEMY...


NAZI U-BOATS! THAT SHOT ACROSS OUR BOW MEANS "SURRENDER"! SUMMON THE CREW, MISTER EDWARDS!

COMMANDER SHIELDS FACED HIS CREW...

MEN, WHAT'S HAPPENED HAS BEEN OUR OWN FAULT, YOURS AND MINE! I'M THROWING THIS DECISION IN YOUR LAPS! SURRENDER ...OR TAKE A CHANCE OF BEING SUNK BY SMASHING THOSE NAZI SUBS!

I HAVE A PLAN THAT MIGHT WORK! BUT IT MEANS WE MUST WORK AS A *TEAM*, WITH ABSOLUTE PRECISION, AND HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN EACH OTHER!

THE DECISION IS IN YOUR HANDS!

THERE WAS A BUZZ OF CONVERSATION AMONG THE MEN! THE NAZI SUBS WERE WAITING, AND THEIR DECISION MUST BE SWIFT! SPARKS SPOKE FOR THE MEN...

WE'LL TAKE THE CHANCE, SIR!

GOOD! NOW HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO...

ABOARD THE ENEMY U-BOAT, COMMANDER VON STEPHAN WATCHED THE "HAMMER" LIMP CLOSER...

THEY HAVE DECIDED TO SURRENDER! THIS IS A GOOD CATCH!

JA! BUT WHAT ELSE COULD THEY DO? THEY ARE IN NO SHAPE TO FIGHT!

THE "HAMMER" DRIFTED CLOSER TO THE NAZI SUBS, UNTIL SHE WAS BUT A FEW LENGTHS AWAY! THEN, SUDDENLY, SHE DIVED!

WHAT IS...? SWING THE BOW GUN!

FIRE ONE! FIRE TWO!

THE TIN FISH SPED AWAY, CATCHING THE NAZI SUB IN HER TRACKS!

SO FAR COMMANDER SHIELDS' RUSE HAD WORKED! THE CREW MOVED WITH PRECISION AND SPLIT-SECOND TIMING! BUT THEN THE OTHER U-BOAT SURGED DOWNWARD TOWARD THEM...

INSIDE THE "HAMMER" A COMMAND WAS SNAPPED! THE SOUND MAN WAS TRACING AND CALLING THE POSITION OF ATTACKING ENEMY SUB...

THREE FIVE EIGHT...

RIGHT FULL RUDDER! WE'LL SWING SHARP AND TRY A WING SHOT! IN THE CONDITION SHE'S IN, LET'S HOPE THE "HAMMER" CAN HOLD UP!

THE SHIP HEELED, TURNING SHARP, HER DAMAGED PLATES PULLING WATER! IN THE TORPEDO ROOM, THE TUBE CAPTAIN'S EYES WERE GLUED TO THE GAUGE BOARD..

THIS WILL BE A TOUGH ONE

FIRE!

THERE WAS THE CLICK OF THE SOLENOID, A RUSH OF AIR IN THE FIRING VALVE! THE TORPEDO ENGINE WHINED, AS THE TORP SMASHED OUT! THE SHIP LURCHED!

SHE'S AWAY! WE WON'T GET ANOTHER SHOT IF SHE DOESN'T

BUT SHE ***DID***... A WING SHOT THAT STRUCK HOME!

THE "HAMMER" LUMBERED LIKE A WOUNDED GIANT TO THE SURFACE! THE CREW RACED TO THE WET DECKS! THEIR SKIPPER GRINNED AT THEM... THEY GRINNED BACK! THE "HAMMER", HER CREW AND HER SKIPPER WERE A WORKING UNIT AGAIN, CONFIDENT IN THE ABILITY OF EACH OTHER!

TWO MORE FOR THE "HAMMER" AND TWO ***BIG*** ONES FOR OUR SKIPPER!

I GUESS WE CAN GO HOME NOW!

THE END

ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN WAR TALES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER! ATLAS

THE GREAT DEFEAT

THE Admiral's gig crossed the wide bay before the city with unaccustomed speed, bearing the Captain to the conference that had been called for the noon hour.

"The Admiral's angry?" the Captain asked the officer in command.

The officer shrugged. But it was plain that he had seen things he did not care to relate in detail.

"I've seen him angry before, Captain," he said slowly. "But never like this."

The Captain nodded. For a long time now, the fleet had stood outside the city, far beyond the range of the artillery that had already sunk so many ships. The city's defenses were rock-ribbed . . . worse, they were unlike anything the attacking forces had ever seen before. The enemy's chief war engineer had had a reputation for daring and boldness before, but now he was really showing his inventiveness.

The gig skirted a sunken battlecraft, its prow sticking up out of the water as it rested, stern-down in the thick mud of the harbor. One shot from the city's artillery had done that. Fortunately, no men had been lost, but the craft had commenced sinking within a few minutes. The Captain stared back at the main line of ships. There were not so many of them now as there had been when the assault upon the city had first begun.

Now the flagship was coming into his line of vision. Tall and immense, it was the biggest ship they had. The gig half-circled it, moved in under the gunwales. A sharp command barked from the deck and there was a sudden dry rattling as a rope ladder came flying down. The Captain stepped to the first rung. In less than fifteen seconds he was climbing over the railings. The deck officer saluted him.

"The Admiral?" the Captain asked.

"In his cabin, sir," the deck officer said. "You'd better go there at once."

A frown appeared on the Captain's face. He turned toward the companionway. But, at that moment, two men stepped out upon the deck. The first was the commander of the second fleet; the other was the Admiral. He glanced sternly at the Captain.

"Took your time getting here," he snapped.

"Came as fast as I could, sir," the Captain replied. "What's wrong?"

"What *isn't* wrong?" The Admiral's fist came crashing down on the starboard deck railing. He pointed to the distant rocks beneath the city's walls. Caught on the rocks was the hulk of one of their own ships, its entire crew prisoners of the enemy. "You know what happened there, you saw it!"

The Captain had seen it; he remembered the ship braving the city's artillery fire, escaping direct hits, creeping up to the well-defended walls. And he remembered, too, the giant, mechanical crane that looped ropes around the ship, drew it up out of the water and then cast it to the rocks below.

"We must take the city!" the Admiral continued. "We must take it by frontal assault. There is no other way. And we must take it soon! Our men think the enemy is invincible with their strange, powerful war machines!"

"And so they are, sir," the Captain said softly, "What is more, there are rumors of yet another weapon devised by their war engineer . . . a thing of such power that no fleet on earth can stand against it."

"Child's talk!" the Admiral grumbled. "The enemy are not magicians!"

"Sir, I counsel craft, cunning," the Captain said. "Naval power has met its match in this war genius of theirs."

"I counsel the same," the commander of the second fleet said, nodding.

For a moment, the Admiral wavered. Then he remembered who he was, and the mighty world power he represented. He shook his head.

"On land we have always been successful . . . we must establish the same standards for our exploits at sea. I order an immediate frontal assault upon the city walls, with all our ships!"

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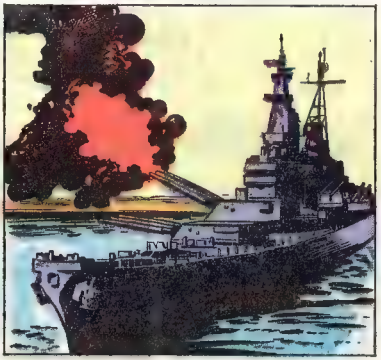
THE ROCKETS ROAR!

HALLS OF MONTEZUMA! WHAT ARE THOSE CA-RAZY THINGS, SARGE? THE SKY'S FULL OF 'EM!
YEAH! AN' DIG THE DAFFY NOISE THEY'RE MAKIN'! SOUNDS LIKE... BUBBLEY-WUBBLEY!
Gene Colan
G459

SLAM THE SANDS, GYRENES! THOSE BUBBLEY-WUBBLEYS ARE JAP ROCKETS, AND THEY'RE COMING RIGHT AT US!
THEY DIDN'T HIT, CAP'N! THEY WENT RIGHT PAST US!
GET DOWN, SARGE..THEY'RE COMING BACK!
THE JAP ROCKETS WOBBLE AND LOOP-THE-LOOP OVER THE OKINAWA BEACH...
THEY FLOAT OUT OVER THE WATER, AND THEN JUST QUIT AND DROP IN...
THEY SLAM INTO EACH OTHER IN MID-AIR...
OUT OF THE WHOLE FLOCK, ONLY ABOUT A DOZEN OF THEM EXPLODE ON THE BEACH...
THEY MAY BE CRAZY MIXED-UP ROCKETS, BUT THEY SURE PACK A WALLOP WHEN THEY HIT!
YEAH! AND IN A FEW HOURS, THIS BEACH WILL BE SO CROWDED WITH MARINES AND EQUIPMENT, THAT ANYWHERE THE BUBBLEY-WUBBLEYS HIT, THEY'LL SCORE A BINGO-BANGO!

HERE COMES ANOTHER FLOCK OF THEM, CAP'N!
YEAH... FROM THAT HILL! AND NOW THAT THE NIPPIES HAVE REVEALED THEIR LAUNCHING SITES, I'M GOING TO REQUEST THE NAVY TO SICK SOME SOME OF THEIR KING-SIZED SHELLS AT THEM!

THE UNITED STATES NAVY TASK FORCE, PARKED OUT IN THE EAST CHINA SEA, OBLIGES THE CAPTAIN...

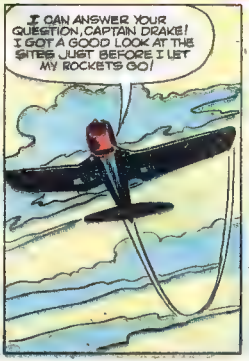


FOR HALF AN HOUR, THE BATTLE-WAGONS MASSAGE THE HILLSIDE WITH SHELLS! BUT WHEN THE CLOBBERING STOPS, THE JAP ROCKETS START AGAIN...

MARINE CORSAIRS COME STREAKING IN FROM THE FLEET'S FLAT TOP WITH THEIR ROCKET PROJECTILES SMASHING AGAINST THE JAP-HELD HILL...

BUT AS THE CORSAIRS BANK TO RETURN TO THE DECKS OF THE CARRIER, THE NIPS LAUNCH MORE BUBBLEY-WUBBLEYS.

YEAH, SARGE, I SEE THEM! BUT I CAN'T SEE HOW THEIR LAUNCHING SITES CAN STILL OPERATE, AFTER THAT PASTING THEY GOT FROM BOTH THE NAVY AND THE MARINES!



OUR BOMBS AND ROCKETS CAN'T TOUCH THOSE LAUNCHING RAMPS, BECAUSE THEY'VE GOT THEM STACKED INSIDE CAVES CARVED IN THAT HILL!

THE NIPS HAVE STOPPED THE BUBBLEY-WUBBLEYS, CAP'N!
PROBABLY WAITING FOR THE BEACH TO FILL UP WITH GEAR, SO THEY CAN BE SURE OF MORE HITS WITH THOSE UNPREDICTABLE ROCKETS!

OR MAYBE THEY'VE USED THEM ALL UP, AN' ARE WAITIN' FOR ANOTHER LOAD!
YEAH! AND ACCORDING TO THIS MAP, THE CHINA BAY IS ABOUT THREE MILES BEHIND THE HILL. THOSE LAUNCHERS ARE ON! THAT MUST BE WHERE THE BOATS COME IN TO SUPPLY THE JAPS!

LIEUTENANT, TAKE OVER COMMAND! SERGEANT BOCK AND I ARE GOING TO FIND THE JAP SUPPLY POINT! WE'LL SIGNAL OUR PROGRESS WITH FLARES...WATCH FOR THEM!
YES, SIR!

OKINAWA IS ABOUT 20 MILES LONG, BUT VERY NARROW! AND THE TWO MARINES CHOOSE A SPOT THAT'S ONLY SIX MILES FROM THE WEST COAST TO EAST COAST...

BY THE TIME THE CAPTAIN AND THE SERGEANT REACH THE EAST COAST, THERE'S JUST ENOUGH DAYLIGHT LEFT FOR THEM TO SEE THE JAPS UNLOADING FOUR LANDING BARGES...

YEP, MORE ROCKETS, CAP'N! AN' THEY HAVE ALMOST GOT 'EM ALL LOADED INTO TRUCKS...
...TO TAKE UP TO THE SITES! THEY'LL HAVE TO PASS ON THIS ROAD, AND THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE A COUPLE OF "PASSENGERS"!

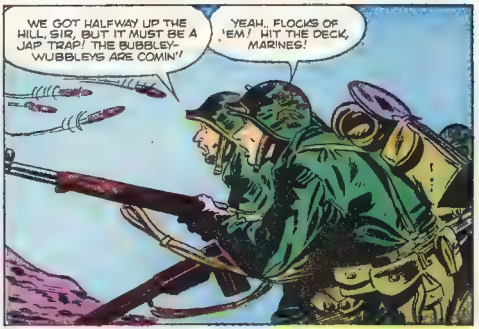
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WHEN WE GET TO THE LAUNCHING SITES, SIR?
SOMEHOW WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THESE ROCKETS...OR WRECK THE LAUNCHERS!

FROM A HIDING PLACE, THEY WATCH THE JAPS UNLOAD THE ROCKETS, AND THEN THE NIPS GET TO WORK ON THEM:..

THEY'RE PUTTIN' WAR-HEAD DETONATORS INTO THE ROCKETS!
YEAH! AND IN THE MORNING WHEN THE 6TH DIVISION'S BEACHHEAD IS PACKED, THEY'LL START FLINGING THEM!

DOWN ON THE BEACH, THE LIEUTENANT AND THE 6TH MARINES WAIT ALL NIGHT FOR A SIGNAL FLARE! AND AT THE CRACK OF DAWN, THEY GET IT..

ANOTHER GREEN FLARE MAKES UP THE LIEUTENANT'S MIND, AND THE MARINE ATTACK BEGINS..


WE GOT HALFWAY UP THE HILL, SIR, BUT IT MUST BE A JAP TRAP! THE BUBBLEY-WUBBLEYS ARE COMIN'!
YEAH.. FLOCKS OF 'EM! HIT THE DECK, MARINES!

THE MARINES HUG THE HILL AND BRACE THEMSELVES FOR THE THUNDER OF EXPLODING ROCKETS.

THE BUBBLEY-WUBBLEYS AREN'T GOING OFF, SIR! THEY'RE ALL DUDS!
THAT'S WHAT THE GREEN FLARE WAS FOR! OKAY GYRENES! ON YOUR FEET.. AND GUNG-HO!

THE 6TH MARINES SWARM OVER THE NIP LAUNCHING SITES, AND AFTER THE JAPS SURRENDER, THE MARINES FIND THE CAPTAIN AND THE SARGE STILL REMOVING DETONATORS FROM THE ROCKETS!

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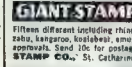

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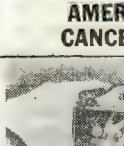

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"All our ships?" the Captain asked. He well knew how hard a blow it would be if they lost what remained. The republic would not reward failure.

"All of them!" the Admiral said. "And, Captain, you will remain on the flagship here, with me. I will prove to you the invincibility of our navy." He turned to his under-officers who stood near him on the deck. "Signal the fleet. We attack at once!" He exchanged salutes with the commander of the second fleet who departed back to his own ship. Then he looked at the Captain. "You may take deck command!" he said pompously. "I shall direct the course of the battle!"

Within the next few hours, the furthest-flung line of ships was bearing in toward the city. From end to end of the harbor the attack was joined. The Captain, on the deck of the flagship, gave orders for the flagship to take the center position.

In front of the advancing fleet, the city walls loomed high and menacing. Signal fires broke from tower after tower and the enemy soldiery could be seen running along the battlements, readying the wall defenses. The Captain turned to the Admiral.

"They will not use the lifting cranes, sir, in my belief," he said.

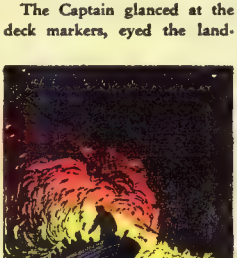
"Nor in mine either," the Admiral said, confidently. "They have two or three at most. We have fifty ships. Even if they use the cranes, only a few ships will be caught." He turned his head. A signal broke from the leading ship of the second fleet. Slowly it drew into line. Now the entire fleet was advancing together.

"At the first sign of artillery fire, we'll break ranks and then reform, Captain," the Admiral directed. "I've already given orders. It's the only way to neutralize their armaments."

"Excellent, sir," the Captain said. But still his spirits were low. He did not believe the attack could succeed.

On and on the twin horns of the fleet converged. Fifty ships, all in battle formation moved ahead. Still, on the battlements of the city walls, nothing but troop movements could be discerned.

The Captain glanced at the deck markers, eyed the land-



marks and calculated the fleet's position.

"We're within artillery range, sir," he said to the Admiral.

The moments passed. By this time, the Captain reasoned, the fleet should have been under bombardment.

But still the city walls were silent. There were no shots.

The Captain glanced uneasily at the Admiral, who was smiling with great satisfaction. The Admiral rubbed his hands.

"They've run out of ammunition, probably!" he exulted. He mounted to the bridge and took in the position of his fleet with quick glances. On all the ships men were readying for the assault. Weapons were being issued, men were being drawn up on the forward decks for the landing. Boarding equipment had already been shifted to the bows. Once the ships grounded, it would fall forward and the men would stream over the bows and begin the attack.

Then it happened.

A flash of light was the first warning. Over the walls rose great metal shields holding in their centers immense crystal lenses through which the sun's rays streamed, concentrated into beams of destruction. A puff of smoke shot from the masts of the flagship.

"The sails . . . they're burning!" shouted the Captain. "The rays from the lenses have set them afire!" He glanced to port and starboard. Ship after ship broke out in flames, as the waxed canvas sails caught fire. The whole fleet, deprived of motive power, came slowly to a halt before the walls, wallowing helplessly without sails. Then the bombardment began. Giant rocks hurled by catapults behind the walls overwhelmed the foremost ships in a rain of artillery fire that smashed masts and crashed through decks.

"Retreat!" The Admiral ordered. "Use oars!" Quickly men sprang to transmit the signal to the rest of the fleet.

Half an hour later, under the weak power of oars, the remnants of the navy were limping back to the harbor entrance. Behind them, the ancient city of Syracuse once more lay safe, secured by the genius of its war engineer, the scientist Archimedes, who, in the year 212 BC, had harnessed the energy of the sun itself to halt the naval power of the Republic of Rome!

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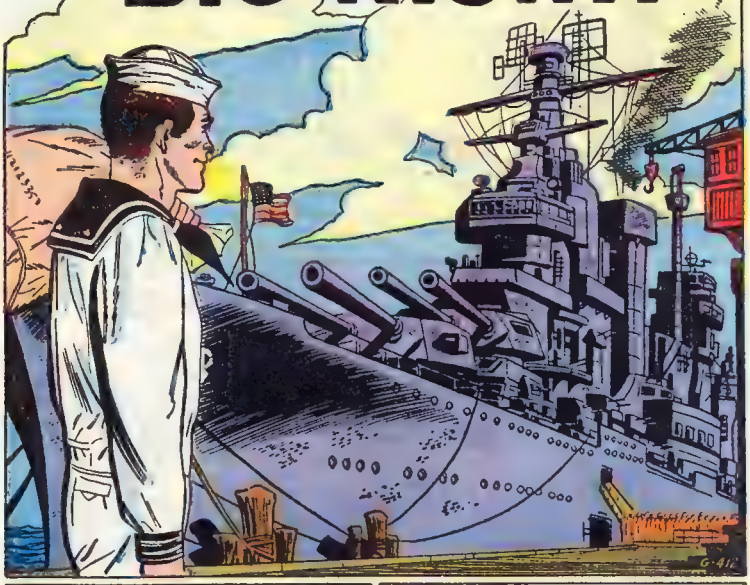
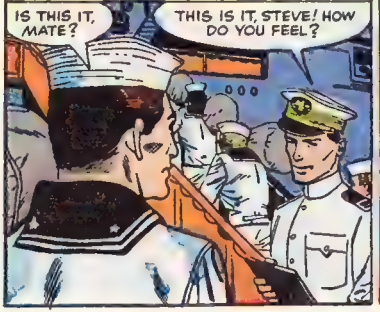
DEAR MARY:
YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I THINK OF YOU, BUT I'VE GOT A CONFESSION TO MAKE! THIS MAY SOUND TERRIBLE, COMING FROM YOUR SOLDIER BOY FRIEND HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY, BUT HEAR ME OUT WHILE I TELL YOU OF A WONDERFUL, BEAUTIFUL, GLORIOUS GAL I WENT OUT WITH ON...

THE BIG NIGHT!



I'D BEEN GOING STEADY WITH HER FOR QUITE A WHILE, BUT THIS LOOKED LIKE THE BIGGEST DATE OF ALL, AS WE STARTED TO GET UNDER WAY...



I FELT GREAT, BECAUSE SHE WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING I'D EVER SEEN! HONESTLY, I DIDN'T THINK I WAS WORTHY OF HER!

I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW THE DATE WAS DEFINITE UNTIL SHE AND I GOT TOGETHER! SHE WASTED NO TIME IN LETTING ME KNOW, EITHER!

ATTENTION, ALL HANDS! WE ARE ORDERED TO SUPPORT THE ALLIED INVASION OF THE CONTINENT! WE'RE HEADED FOR THE NORMANDY COAST! OUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT THE LCT'S AND TO SOFTEN UP THE ENEMY SHORE BATTERIES! GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF US!

MARY DARLING, I REMEMBER THE FIRST DATE I HAD WITH YOU! IT WAS WONDERFUL! BUT HONESTLY, THIS WAS EVEN MORE EXCITING... IN A DIFFERENT SORT OF WAY!

ANCHORS AWEIGH!

WE HAD PLENTY OF COMPANY!

THERE ARE THE REAL HEROES OF ALL THIS!

YOU SAID IT!

NOT THAT I WASN'T GLAD TO SEE THEM ALONG! THIS WAS ONE TIME I WANTED COMPANY!

YOU SEE, I SUSPECTED THAT THERE WERE THOSE WHO WANTED TO BREAK UP OUR DATE AND WE WANTED TO BE READY FOR THEM...

ANYTHING, SAILOR?

NOT YET, MATE!

SURE ENOUGH, THOUGH, THEY SHOWED UP! THERE'S ALWAYS A GANG OF TOUGHS WHO LIKE TO BREAK UP A NICE DATE LIKE THAT!

HERE THEY COME!

WELL, COME ON DOWN FROM THERE AND LET OUR FLY-BOYS TAKE CARE OF THEM!

YES, MARY, NOTHING WAS GOING TO STOP ME AND MY GIRL FROM KEEPING OUR DATE ON THE BIG NIGHT!

THERE THEY GO! GUESS THEY HAD ENOUGH!
THERE ARE ONLY A FEW OF 'EM! THOUGHT THERE'D BE THOUSANDS!
THEY KNOW THEY CAN'T FIGHT WHAT WE'VE GOT...TOO MANY FIGHTER AND BOMBER PLANES!
SO FAR IT'S BEEN EASY, BUT...
YEAH, STEVE, BUT...
...WHAT'S AHEAD?
SOMETIMES IT'S NICE WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN ON A BIG NIGHT SUCH AS THIS! THE THRILL OF ANTICIPATION, I GUESS YOU'D CALL IT! BUT I WISHED I KNEW WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN THIS TIME!
BATTLE STATIONS!
WELL, THIS WAS IT! THE PARTY HAD BEGUN AND ME AND MY GAL WERE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT! YOU NEVER SAW SUCH A PRETTY PARTY! YOU NEVER HEARD SUCH NOISE, NEVER SAW SUCH EXCITEMENT!
SOME OF THE DATES ALONG WITH US WANTED TO GO ON TO ANOTHER PARTY, AN EVEN BIGGER ONE! TO DO THAT, THEY HAD TO CRASH IT! SO, BECAUSE WE'D ALL COME ALONG TOGETHER ON THE BIG NIGHT, IT WAS NO MORE THAN RIGHT THAT WE SHOULD HELP THEM! SO WE HAD TO SOFTEN UP OUR RELUCTANT HOSTS, AS IT WERE!
FIRE AWAY! SOFTEN UP THOSE SHORE BATTERIES! MAKE ROOM FOR OUR LCT'S! OUR BOYS WANT TO GET IN THERE!

YEP, IT WAS QUITE A NIGHT! THE MUSIC WAS GOOD AND LOUD AND THE PLACE WAS REALLY ROCKING!

MY GIRL PUT ON QUITE A SHOW ALL BY HERSELF, TOO! SHE GOT A BIG HAND FROM THE OTHER BOYS!

GOOD WORK, CAPTAIN! CAN YOU GET IN A LITTLE CLOSER TO SHORE? WE'RE ABOUT TO MOVE IN!

AYE, AYE, SIR! WE'LL DO OUR BEST!

THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HER! SHE WAS TERRIFIC! THERE NEVER WAS A GAL LIKE HER AS SHE WENT ALL OUT TO MAKE SURE THE PARTY WAS A SUCCESS!

HERE WE GO!

WE'RE RIGHT WITH YOU! MAKE IT GOOD!

HER IDEA WAS TO KEEP THE OTHER GUYS BUSY WHILE *OUR* GUYS MOVED IN! ORDINARILY, I'D BE JEALOUS OF A GAL WHO DEVOTED SO MUCH ATTENTION TO OTHER GUYS, BUT *THIS* GAL COULD DO NOTHING WRONG!

WE GOT A RANGE ON THEIR SHORE BATTERIES NOW, CAPTAIN!

THEN HIT 'EM WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT! KEEP 'EM BUSY WHILE THE INFANTRY MOVES IN!

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? THOSE MUGS DIDN'T TAKE TO HER AT ALL! IN FACT, THEY TRIED TO KICK HER OUT OF THEIR PRIVATE LITTLE PARTY!

THEIR FIRE'S PRETTY CLOSE!

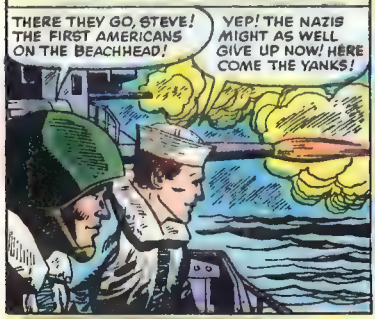
GIVE 'EM A SALVO!

IF YOU THINK THEY STOPPED HER, YOU DON'T KNOW MY GIRL! WHEN SHE WANTED TO MOVE IN ON A PARTY, SHE MOVED IN!

WAS I PROUD OF HER! SHE WAS THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION...THE LIFE OF THE PARTY...THE HIT OF THE BIG NIGHT! YES, MARY, I WAS A LUCKY GUY TO HAVE CHOSEN HER AS MY DATE!

EVERYBODY FELL UNDER HER SPELL...EVEN THE OTHER GUYS SWOONED FOR HER! THEY FELL...AND FELL HARD!

OUR GUYS MOVED IN QUICK NOW, BUT ME AND MY GIRL HUNG AROUND TO MAKE SURE, THERE WASN'T TOO MUCH INTERFERENCE!



THEY BROUGHT IN THEIR OWN SUPPLIES, TOO, TO MAKE SURE THEY WOULDN'T RUN LOW! AFTER ALL, THEY EXPECTED TO MAKE THIS PARTY LAST QUITE A WHILE!

AND STILL THEY WEREN'T MADE WELCOME! I'M TELLING YOU, MARY, SOME OF THESE CHARACTERS MAKE MIGHTY POOR HOSTS!

BUT YOU KNOW AMERICANS! ONCE THEY MAKE UP THEIR MINDS TO CRASH A PARTY, NOTHING CAN STOP THEM!

WELL, AT THAT POINT, MY GAL AND I DECIDED WE HAD HAD ENOUGH OF THE PARTY AND WERE READY TO CALL IT QUITS...
CEASE FIRE!
BUT WE STILL STUCK AROUND TO CHAPERONE WHILE WE WATCHED THE PARTY...
WHAT NOW, MATE?
WE'LL STAND OFFSHORE GUARD NOW, JUST IN CASE! SOME SHOW, ISN'T IT?
YEP, IT WAS SOME SHOW, AND I WAS MIGHTY PROUD TO HAVE BEEN PART OF IT! IT WAS QUITE A BIG NIGHT, MARY, THE BIGGEST ONE I EVER HAD... AND I'LL NEVER FORGET IT!
But don't worry, sweetheart. My love for my girl on the big night is deep, but different than the love I feel for you... you see, she's the battleship, I
was on... and the big night on which we had the date was... D-Day. Now that it's over, I'll be home to you very soon thanks to her. Love Steve
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